This Committee is examining all the recommendations made by the NCT-I with a view to taking decisions on them, including the recommendations relating to pay scales to be given to the teachers. The decision on the date from which revised pay scales for teachers are going to be made applicable for Central Government teachers will be made when final decision on the scales is taken.

3. It is the Government's intention to place the report of the NCT-I on the Table of the House after the Government has been able to take a view on the recommendations made.

Medicines pilfered from CGHS dispensaries

*33. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to find out the value of medicines pilfered from CGHS dispensaries and hospitals run by the Central Government in the country;

(b) if so, what is the value and quantity o f medicine and other hospital equipment found to have been stolen during the last one year; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check this pilferage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) There are laid down procedures to deal with individual cases of pilferage and theft. These consist of proper inventory control, inspection and surveillance at various levles. Internal audit and external checks also help in highlighting unaccounted shortages. Government have not come across instances of pilferage and theft of a magnitude to warrant commissioning of a special study in this respect.

National Highways in Karnataka

*34. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State roads recommended by the Karnataka Government for up-gradation as National Highways;

(b) since when these proposals are pending with the Central Government; and

(c) the roads which have been upgraded as National Higways in the State during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Since the beginning of the 6th Five Year Plan period, the State Government of Karnataka has been approaching the Central Government for declaring eleven State roads as National Highways, but as intimated to the State Government from time to time none of these roads could be declared as National Highways owing to limitation of resources and other periortiy considerations *visa-a-vis* demand from other States.

Circuit TVs at railway stations

*35. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Close Circuit televisions has been introduced at various important railway stations in the country;

(b) whether these close circuits T.Vs display commercials;

(c) whether Government are aware that these TV commercials create distraction at busy railway stations and thwart the very purpose of providing the facility of close circuit system, namely, making the railway enquiry service easily available to the public; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to discontinue T.V. commercials at railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A substantial portion of the time on the close circuit Television systems at Railway stations is devoted to providing railway informaton to the waiting public. Inclusion of commercial advertisements in addition to this, is in the financial interests of the Railways. It would not be correct to say that this creates any distraction for the public.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Development of airports in the country

*36. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to develop some of the airports in the country by providing landing facilities for international flights;

(b) if so, what are the names thereof and the progress so far made in this respect;

(c) by when these airports are proposed to be so depeloped and opened to international traffic; and

(d) whether these airports are proposed to be declared as international airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Studies have been conducted for Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Nagpur, Mangalore, Trivandrum and Hyderabad. Out of these, international services from Trivandrum and Hyderabad are already being operated. Introducing limited international services from some of these airports in the near future is under consideration.

(d) There is no proposal at present to declare any airport as international airport in addition to the existing four international airports.

Expenditure of Education

*37. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last four years, the Central Governmen Budgets have provided for not more than 1.6 per cent expenditure on education; and

(b) what is the planned and probable percentage of such expenditure to be made during rest of the Seventh Five Year Plan priod and what is the strategy for the coming years under the New Education Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The Government of India budget for the Department of Education provided not more than 1.6 per cent of the expenditure on education in the last four years, but if the expenditure on education of other Departments is also taken into account the percentage would work out between 1.7 per cent and 1.8 per cent.

(b) The Seventh Plan allocation for education for Central Sector is Rs. 1738.64 crores excluding Sports and Art and Culture. Probable expenditure will exceed the allocation Additional all ocations are expected to be provided through the process of Annual Plans and Mid-Term Plan Appraisal. The strategy for the coming years has been given in part XI of the National Policy on Education 1986, a copy of which is attached as statement.